



The United States Army Europe Soldiers' Chorus

Heidelberg, Germany



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Information

The United States Army Europe Soldiers' Chorus, under the direction of Captain J. Scott McKenzie, is stationed at Tompkins Barracks in Schwetzingen, Germany.

The Chorus was organized in 1963 to enhance troop morale through musical performances. The group quickly proved highly successful in advancing relations between the American community in Europe and its host nations, capturing the hearts of many.

In 1981, the Soldiers' Chorus was attached to the United States Army Europe Band. Unlike their band colleagues, the singers do not enter the military as musicians. Rather, they are selected through competitive auditions from other specialties in the Army, and receive intensive training in vocal, dance, and theatrical skills. The ensemble is one of only four full-time choral groups in the Army, and the only one located outside of the United States.

The Chorus performs more than 150 times each year and has appeared in several European countries. Whatever the specific requirement, the men and women of the Soldiers' Chorus continue to represent the best of the United States Army.



The United States Army Europe Band and Chorus

The Soldiers' Chorus



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Executive Officer and Chorus Conductor

Captain J. Scott McKenzie arrived at the U. S. Army Europe Band and Chorus in June 2004. He earned a Bachelor of Arts in Music degree from Virginia Tech in 1994. After graduating, he taught chorus, band, and general music at the middle school level for four years. While teaching, he continued his studies in music education and conducting at the Peabody Conservatory in Baltimore, Maryland.

In the fall of 1999, Captain McKenzie enlisted in the U. S. Army as a saxophone player. After initial entry training, he was assigned to the 82d Airborne Division Band at Fort Bragg, North Carolina, where in addition to performing in the ceremonial band, concert band, jazz band, and saxophone quartet, he served as staff arranger and library noncommissioned officer-in-charge. He was selected to serve as a Band Officer in 2001. Prior to his current assignment, he served as Executive Officer of Student Company at the Armed Forces School of Music in Norfolk, Virginia.

Captain McKenzie is a graduate of the Basic Music Course, Airborne School, the Primary Leadership Development Course, Officer Candidate School, the Adjutant General Officer Basic Course, and the Army Band Officer Course. His awards and decorations include two Army Commendation Medals, three Army Achievement Medals, the Good Conduct Medal, the Noncommissioned Officer Professional Development Ribbon, the National Defense Service Medal, Parachutist Badge, and the German Parachutist Badge.

Captain McKenzie is married; he and his wife have two children.



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Appearances

2006 Major Concerts: Schwetzingen; Eppelheim; Karlsruhe;
Pforzheim

Tours: Washington DC; Italy; Garmisch; Berlin

2005 Major Concerts: Frankfurt; Bamberg; Kaiserslautern;
Schwetzingen

Tours: Washington DC; Italy; Garmisch; Poland

2004 Major Concerts: Wurzburg; Garmisch; Schwetzingen

Tours: Washington DC; Iraq

2003 Major Concerts: Rennerod; Maintal; Schwetzingen; Kunzelsau

Tours: Poland; Kosovo; Thuringen

2002 Major Concerts: Bremen; Switzerland; Holland

Tours: Bosnia-Herzegovina; Kosovo

2001 Major Concerts: Albania; France; Poland; Germany; Macedonia

Tours: Albania; Kosovo; Germany

2000 Major Concerts: Bretten; Wiesloch; Karlsruhe; Bremen;
Hannover

Tours: Italy; Bosnia-Herzegovina; Kosovo; Belgium

1999 Major Concerts: Bretten; Wiesloch; Neckarbischofsheim;
Ketsch; Hemmingen; Rüsselsheim; Freudenstadt; Karlsruhe

Tours: Bosnia



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